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SUBJECT: MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY ON SAUDI POSITION AT
OPEC

1. EMBASSY SHOULD ARRANGE TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGES
FROM THE SECRETARY TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCE FAHD, AND
TO MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI.

2. FOR PRINCE FAHD: QTE: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: I WANT
TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AND RESOLVE DURING THE VIENNA OPEC
CONFERENCE. THE RESPONSIBLE POSITION TAKEN BY YOUR
GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE, HIS EXCELLENCY ADHMAD ZAKI
YAMANI, WAS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT YOU TOLD ME WHEN WE MET
IN TAIF ON SEPTEMBER 2. ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS OF THE
CONFERENCE ARE NOT WHAT WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, WE RECOGNIZE
THE GREAT EFFORT MADE BY SAUDI ARABIA TO HOLD BACK AN
INCREASE AND WE REALIZE THAT WITHOUT YOUR MODERATING IN-
FLUENCE, THE RESULTS COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE SERIOUS.

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WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQTE.

3. FOR OIL MINISTER YAMANI: QTE: DEAR ZAKI: I WANT TO
LET YOU KNOW THAT I APPRECIATED YOUR COURAGEOUS AND HARD
FOUGHT BATTLE ON OIL PRICES AT THE VIENNA OPEC CONFERENCE.

WHILE THE OUTCOME IS NOT WHAT WE BOTH WOULD HAVE LIKED, WE
RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSIBLE ROLE WHICH YOU AND YOUR
GOVERNMENT PLAYED. WITHOUT YOUR MODERATING INFLUENCE,
I AM CERTAIN THAT THE RESULTS WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH
WORSE.

I HOPE THAT WE CAN NOW WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER AT THE
FORTHCOMING PREPARATORY MEETING OF CONSUMER AND PRODUCER
COUNTRIES TO LAUNCH A DIALOGUE WHICH CAN DEAL CON-
STRUCTIVELY WITH THE SERIOUS ISSUES WE FACE. WITH WARM
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